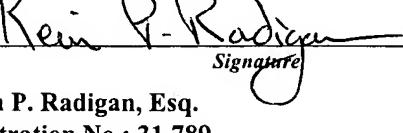


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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2004, in  
connection with the above-designated application. Allowance of the application is respectfully  
requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.